

MVCC WORKS: DECEMBER UPDATE

The Works is MVCC's new online Newsletter! In each issue you can read stories that explain how MVCC staff serves the public and city governments; how the vision and goals of MVCC's governing councils are working for their residents; and how the public and the schools are using our facilities for dynamic channel programming, while also contributing valuable volunteer time to our organization.

Starting in 2006 the Works newsletter will become quarterly, while still featuring all the in-depth organizational news and information you need to stay current about MVCC. In the meantime, look for occasional monthly updates such as this December edition to cover the timely events that occur.

The MVCC Works Volume 2: October Edition is now online and can be downloaded here: http://www.mvcc.net/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=28&Itemid=58

MVCC HOLIDAY HOURS

MVCC will be closed on Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 for the Holiday season. We will also be closed January 1 and 2.

MVCC LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE

The Miami Valley Communications Council web site has been completely redesigned by our Technology Supervisor Tom Spahr. Click here to take a look: <http://www.mvcc.net/>

The new site has been optimized for quick navigation to Government Services, TV/Video services, and MVCC organization information. You can also read all the news stories as they happen, without waiting for electronic newsletter updates.

MVCC AUCTION OF SURPLUS GEAR

In mid-December a list of surplus gear will be placed on our website for an auction available to the general public. The auction will take place the second week of January.

Prior to this auction, the list of surplus and valuable items was offered to MVCC city governments, police and fire departments, and schools for their use. What went unclaimed has now been placed for sale. For questions of comments, please contact Rich LaRue at rlarue@mvcc.net or call 424-1667.

EQUIPMENT & STUDIO UPDATES

With the acquisition of three more mini-dv cameras in November 2005, there are now a total of ten Canon GL-2s available for use by volunteers and staff. We've received universally high praise from all users on the ease, quality, and portability of these cameras, and are excited to now offer a larger selection. Throughout 2005 MVCC has had to deny weekend requests for camera checkouts due to overwhelming demand. These additional cameras should alleviate that situation.

The other major improvement to our building has been an overhaul of the studio. The painted floor is no more; it's now replaced with a grey patterned tile which will be more durable and conceal scrapes much better. Combined with a thorough cleaning and disposal of old set pieces, our studio looks like new again. MVCC wants to give a hearty thanks to Betty Schenck for all her volunteer work in helping us on this!

In addition, there is a new LCD studio monitor for viewing the record signal, and all the cameras have been recabled to alleviate some lingering technical issues (such as troublesome headset wiring).

OAKWOOD RECOGNIZES MVCC VOLUNTEERS

The City of Oakwood recently presented Madge and Neil Will with a gracious thank you letter and gift package for all their efforts in producing the Oakwood City Council Meetings. Madge Will and Neil Will have been volunteering with MVCC since 1990! Their list of access accomplishments is quite lengthy: news packages, singers, clown shows – they've done it all.

The Miami Valley Communications Council would like to thank the Wills for all their contributions to public access. We are also looking forward to Madge's holiday cookies!

VOLUNTEER THANKS!

There were 19 volunteers in November who helped MVCC provide access television to the Miami Valley for their residents.

Jim Berecek donated 15 hours on a variety of programs including every Wednesday's Let's Talk series, the Springboro Christmas Parade, and the Krazy Knights of Improv, That's an incredible amount of help to MVCC, which we can't say enough about!

Henry Best and Susan Gartner worked all four Let's Talk productions in November as well. These programs are some of the most valuable and visible shows we have for delivering important city information, so Henry and Susan's time is much appreciated.

Rachael Reinhardt and Jordan Seals also worked a Let's Talk in November. Thank you!

Doug Straw is another one of our MVP's, filling in on short notice to produce the MVCC Council Meeting and the Rosewood Arts Center play of Tom Sawyer.

Ed Huff and Mike Huff continue to be masters of the parade, as our videography specialists with the Springboro Christmas Parade.

Val Fischer and Suzi Fischer jumped to the rescue on a day's notice when we were still shorthanded for the Springboro Christmas Parade. What a big help!

Pete Davis covered the Let's Talk Miamisburg, Let's Talk Moraine, The Rosewood Center play, and also signed up for the Germantown Festival of Choirs.

Bill Cost and Bob Knierim produced West Carrollton School Talk, while *Bob and Betty Schenck* also produced Historic Miamisburg, A Mnemonic Interval, and Around the Burg with the Mayor. *Zaf Bazan* runs the camera for Around the Burg. He got quite the work out filming the latest show with The Ruby Slipper and Suttman's!

Bill Greger produces the Kettering City Council meeting, along with *Todd Tooker* (who covers a variety of Kettering meetings for us!) and *Earl Jones*. Bill has been with MVCC since 1988, and ably took the lead when new volunteers assisted at the latest meeting.

Earl Jones has been a cornerstone of MVCC and Kettering productions. He's volunteered with our organization since 1981!

MVCC GOVERNMENT PRODUCERS RECEIVE ACCOLADES FROM CENTERVILLE, GERMANTOWN

Our Government Production staff really goes the extra mile to serve our communities. Recently, Mike Cornett, Joe MacKenzie, and Carl Suchomel were recognized for their service to community.

For the complete story, click here:

http://www.mvcc.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=46&Itemid=2

2005 PHILO AWARD WINNERS

MVCC is proud to recognize these community producers for their award-winning programs in 2005!

John and Barb Moraites
Victorian Tea 2004 (2005 Philo Finalist)
Non-Professional – Documentary Event

Mike Sopronyi, Todd Browne, John Golub and Loren Goins
Two Guys, A Few Movies and Popcorn: Star Wars...Nothing but Star Wars (2005 Philo Finalist)
Non-Professional - Entertainment

Rich LaRue / Pierrette Steele
Santa Call-In (2005 Philo Winner)
Professional – Children's Programming – Single production

The Philo Awards recognize excellence in cable programming within the Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio region. Any non-commercial program cablecast for the first time between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005 was eligible.

Click here for the complete story, and to read more about each producer and their excellent programs. http://www.mvcc.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=43&Itemid=2

BTV CLASS UPDATES

In 2006, the Basic Television class and Basic Studio class will be combined into one 4-week training session held on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. This will allow residents interested in making or volunteering in television a more efficient, broader overview of what public access has to offer.

EDITING SYSTEMS

What are the top four computer editing systems out there? One web site lists their choices and reasoning behind the picks. It's a good story to check out: <http://www.dvguru.com/2005/11/29/top-four-non-linear-editors/>

OPTIONS FOR OLD COMPUTERS

The Ohio Technology Access Project (OTAP) is the computer recycling project of [Dayton Microcomputer Association](#), Inc. (DMA®), a nonprofit computer users group. DMA® volunteers teach other volunteers how to inspect, adjust, test and repair recycled computer equipment. After the equipment has been put into working order, it is then provided "as is" to people with handicaps, limitations, challenges and special needs, and to institutions that serve these individuals.

If you are considering throwing a piece of computer stuff in the trash, call these people first. They can pickup or drop off items. For more information, go to <http://www.otap.org/>.

VOLUNTEER PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES AT MVCC

To help out on a taping, contact Richard Diaz (rdiaz@mvcc.net) or John Golub (jgolub@mvcc.net)

Let's Talk Miamisburg Wed, Dec 14 Rolls LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-sponsored show goes out live on GATV10 the second Wednesday of each month. The program covers Miamisburg news and topics and is hosted by Gary Giles.

Holistic Living Sat, Dec 17 Rolls at 10:00am Crew call is 9:30am

This program is produced by Patti McCormick. Each month Holistic Living will discuss a wide variety of natural healing options with a variety of guest speakers. You'll learn a lot just by working the show! Two thirty-minute shows will be taped on this date. Contact her at plmccormick@sbcglobal.net or get with John or Richard.

In January, this series shifts production to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

Let's Talk Kettering Wed, Dec 21 Rolls LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-sponsored show goes out live on GATV21 the third Wednesday of each month. Amy Berlean, Community Information Manager for Kettering, will host this program on Kettering news and topics.

Let's Talk Centerville Wed, Dec 28 Rolls LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-sponsored show goes out live on GATV10 the fourth Wednesday of each month. Maureen Russell-Hodgson will host this program on Centerville news and topics.

Let's Talk Moraine Wed, Jan 4 Rolls LIVE at 7:00pm Crew call at 6:30pm

This MVCC-sponsored show goes out live on GATV21 the first Wednesday of each month. Dave Miller will discuss news and events happening in Moraine of interest to the Miami Valley.

Krazy Knights of Improv Tues, Jan 3 Rolls LIVE at 8:00pm Crew call at 7:15pm

This is a live, one hour improvisational sketch show from one of the best comedy collectives in the region. This has been a channel staple for over two years now, a real treat to watch and be involved with as crew.

Fun With Grapes Tues, Jan 10 Rolls at 7:00pm Crew call is 6:30pm

Grapes can be made into many things – Kool Aid, slushees, grape juice...and apparently something called "Wine." You'll learn these wine facts (and much, much more) on this informative series presented by the American Institute of Food and Wine and produced by Boyd Harrold. A variety of crew positions are available.

By the way, be sure to catch the series premiere of Fun With Grapes beginning in January, on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 7:00pm on CATV23.

Santa Call-In Sun, Dec 18 Rolls LIVE from 5-8pm Crew call is 4:00pm
Santa Call-in Set Design Sun, Dec 18 12pm – 3pm

That's right, this annual holiday hullabaloo is scheduled LIVE for Sunday, December 18 from 5pm to 8pm. The unbridled spectacle will be cablecast throughout the region, carried by Dayton Access Television 20 and Fairborn's Time Warner CAC 23 in addition to MVCC's CATV 23 airing.

Crew assignments are open, consisting of three carousing camerafolk, an audio operator, a graphics operator, floor manager, two upstairs/downstairs facility coordinators to assist in getting the kiddies in to see Santa, and one or two phone operators – possibly the most demanding role of them all. Our phone lines are literally jammed by hopeful youngsters for three hours, all anxiously awaiting their chance to speak to the Big Happy One during his special guest appearance LIVE in our studio.

If any volunteer has a visitor who wants to sit on Santa's lap and be on TV, call Rich to guarantee your young one a spot. Have a choir or set of singers that you would like included in the break tapes? Get with Rich. He also needs donations of set props (big toys, wrapped boxes, etc), and volunteers to help set-up and block the set between 12 and 3. Anyone with a keen aesthetic eye and an art for the festive is wanted! Chief Engineer Rich LaRue can be reached at 424-1667 or by email at rlarue@mvcc.net.

Ghostbusters Fan Film

Ghostbuster fans young and old are joining together to create a fan film, and actors are needed. Male leads, female leads, and extras are all being cast.

Volunteer producers at MVCC are creating the film. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/ohiogbfanfilm or email at ohiogbfanfilm@yahoo.com

AND REMEMBER:

"What is a television apparatus to man, who has only to shut his eyes to see the most inaccessible regions of the seen and the never seen, who has only to imagine in order to pierce through walls and cause all planetary Baghdads of his dreams to rise from the dust?"
- Salvador Dalí

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