SCHOOL MATTERS SCREENING
by Shelly Kamanitz, Director of Marketing & Creative Services

NewTV held a screening of its new original program School Matters on January 24. The show, hosted by former School Committee member Margie Ross Decter, raises awareness of educational issues of local and national importance, and highlights the efforts of students and the school community to make an impact and improve the world around them. The first episode focuses on how the tragic Parkland shooting inspired Newton Public School students’ civic engagement.

The event was well attended by elected officials and school leaders from Newton, including representatives from the Mayor’s Office, City Council, School Committee, PTO leaders, teachers and students. Guests networked before the screening and afterward engaged in a Q&A and offered suggestions for future episodes and potential topics for the show. City Councilor David Kalis said, “This show is extremely relevant and provides context important to our schools and our community.”

School Matters airs Monday-Friday at 5:30pm, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30pm on NewTV’s Education Channel. The premiere episode can be viewed online at https://vimeo.com/297375027.

MEMBER PROFILE:
BESSIE SZE SEILER
by Elizabeth Flood, Digital Marketing Specialist

Four years ago, NewTV member Bessie Sze Seiler completed a life-long dream of making a film. After that achievement, Bessie, who once worked on Wall Street, made a second documentary. Now, she has just finished her third: The Science Behind Traditional Chinese Medicine, which focuses on demystifying Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM).

Bessie was inspired to start working on the project after her personal experience with TCM. After dealing with dry eyes, her mother recommended that she see a TCM doctor. Bessie was skeptical, but the treatment cured her eyes in days.

Her documentary focuses on removing some of the stigma around TCM and showing the science behind the practice. Bessie’s primary source is Dr. Jing-Ke Weng, an Associate Professor at MIT and faculty member at the Whitehead Institute. Dr. Weng does not practice TCM himself but rather searches for the active molecules in the plants that are used in TCM and other plant-based traditional medicines.

Bessie said one of the best aspects of working on the documentary was getting to collaborate with others. Theo Frorer,

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MISSION STATEMENT

NewTV is an Emmy® Award-winning, state-of-the-art media center dedicated to providing quality local programming and training to the diverse Newton community. As a non-profit organization, NewTV’s three channels (Community, Education and Government) provide an accessible platform for expression and innovation — an alternative voice to mainstream media.
NEWTV STAFF ADDITION: ELIZABETH FLOOD

We’d like to welcome Elizabeth Flood, our new digital marketing specialist. Elizabeth recently graduated from William & Mary in Virginia with a BA in English and a minor in Film & Media Studies. She brings with her a variety of skills, including social media, web development and writing. In her senior year of college, she was the communications intern for William & Mary’s IT Department, where she managed the social media accounts, wrote news stories about technology developments on campus, redesigned sections of the IT website and designed original graphics. After graduating, Elizabeth was the social media and communications intern for the Modern Language Association in New York City and managed the social media accounts, developed a Facebook Ads campaign and contributed to the blog. During her time in school, she also tutored ESL (English as a Second Language). Elizabeth has been learning the ropes and immersing herself in the NewTV culture. In addition to managing our social media accounts and website, she has written articles for our website and blog and recently participated in our holiday video. She is also getting involved with the Young Professionals Group of the Newton-Needham Chamber. Elizabeth grew up in Stamford, Connecticut and is now a Newton resident. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, watching movies and baking.

MEMBER PROFILE: BESSIE SZE SEILER  (Continued from page 1)

Sam Rubel, Michael Bickford, Holden Kodish, and Brian Ives are all students who have helped her with the film. Ajani Otieno-Rudek, a student at Skidmore, composed original music. Bessie refers to the documentary as a group effort. “I never say it’s my project,” she said. “It’s our project.” Her husband, Steve Seiler, also helped with interviewing.

The NewTV staff has gotten involved as well, providing voiceover for the documentary.

Bessie and the team have recently finished the documentary. She is hopeful that the film will help facilitate conversation about TCM and remove some of the stigma surrounding it. Watch here: https://tinyurl.com/y29ien4o
Winter Volunteer Spotlight
NewTV would like to recognize Lois Levin for her contributions to the station. Lois has been creating her own show, Trailblazers, for many years and has recently broadened her horizons with her most recent project, The Life History of Howard Haywood. Lois is a dedicated and hardworking individual who took this new challenge head-on and was able to create a compelling piece honoring a longtime Newton resident. For her hard work and effort at the station, Lois will receive a gift card. Be on the lookout in the summer newsletter for our spring Volunteer Spotlight.

New Member Orientation
Orientation is held on the first Monday of each month.

Calling all Volunteers!
Are you looking for an opportunity to learn television production? Have you ever wondered what it’s like to work on a studio crew? Once you’ve taken our studio production classes, you can begin shadowing other crew members or jump right in and volunteer on some of our shows, including Museum Open House, Innovation Showcase, Living in the 21st Century, Boston Media Theory, Trailblazers and more! Most programs are produced once a month, while others are produced weekly during the day and at night. There are always opportunities to get involved so you’ll be able to find something that fits into your schedule. To learn more, contact info@newtv.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Teamwork Trivia Challenge
Thursday, May 2, 6:30pm
Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton
NewTV is hosting its fourth annual Teamwork Trivia Challenge. Compete with friends and members of the local business community in trivia, bet on a variety of items in the silent auction and enjoy food and drinks. Gather your group and join us for this festive, team-building event! Tickets on sale at newtv.org/TTC19.

NEW YEAR, NEW FLOOR!
For New Year’s, NewTV got a shiny and new studio floor. Our old studio floor had acquired some dents over time, and it was time to upgrade the floor to create a smoother surface. New England Surface Preparation was contracted for the work. Before the resurfacing, the NewTV staff cleared out the studio. This was a multi-step process that involved taking down curtains, disassembling the sets and covering the lights with plastic bags to protect them from any dust. Then, the real work began. First, the old floor was blasted away to reveal concrete underneath. Then, the new floor was put down, with some extra time reserved for drying. This new studio floor should be more resistant to wear and tear. Thank you to our members for their flexibility during the studio blackout and our closings!

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS
Adobe After Effects (Two Classes)
Instructor: Matt Freund
Adobe After Effects is the gold standard for creating motion graphics, but it also has editing capabilities. In this class, you will learn how to edit in Adobe AE and create simple graphic animations for intros and other elements for your show or project, enhancing its production value. Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3; Fee: $35
Dates: TBD (see newtv.org/classes for update)

Introduction to Podcasting II
Instructor: Rae Kantrowitz
In this class, students will learn about the hardware and software they can use to create their own podcast at NewTV. Gain hands-on experience and practice testing out the essential equipment. Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 4; Fee: $25
Date: TBD (see newtv.org/classes for update)
COMMUNITY CHANNEL UPDATE
by Brian Hebert, Director of Member Services
This past quarter was full of new beginnings, from new classes and teachers to different field productions! We hired a new instructor for our podcasting class, who introduced a different method of teaching students how to create a successful podcast. She will be teaching a second class soon to go over more of the essential skills needed to create a podcast here at NewTV. We also brought in a professional editor to teach an advanced Adobe Premiere course, and he will be coming back in the near future to teach an After Effects course. Several new members have joined and shown an interest in different types of field shoots. Andrea Mautner, for example, has started to film the Newton Baroque concerts with the help of veteran member Barry Mirrer. Overall, we've had many new and exciting beginnings, and I, for one, am excited to see what else will begin next quarter.

EDUCATION CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media
Spring is a busy time, and we are fortunate to have two full time co-op interns from Northeastern University. Bryce and Sofia have been a great help on NewTV productions while also working on their own projects, covering the Typewriter Poetry events at the library and a recent art gallery reception. We also have a high school senior from Learning Prep School interning. There will be a lot of new content coming over the next few months as these interns continue to build their skills. NewTV is a great place for high school and college students to learn video production through hands-on experience and produce an independent project from start to finish. Our Education Channel internships offer flexibility throughout the year with for-credit or non-credit tracks. Apply online at newtv.org/internships.

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media
Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are an important way to reach constituents. These short 30, 60, or 90-second commercials focus on a topic, ending with a call to action for the viewer. We've been busy over the last several weeks producing a series of new PSAs with Mayor Fuller and Dana Hanson, the City of Newton’s director of community engagement & inclusion, on topics like recycling and creating an emergency preparedness kit. A series has also been produced for Newton Power Choice, highlighting the many options and benefits of using renewable energy as the primary source for household electricity. You will see these new PSAs featured on all of our channels in the coming months, and I hope they not only inform you but also inspire you to take action!

UPDATE
by Jenn Adams, News Director
Spring is headed our way, and with it comes lots of activities and events. We will promote and cover some of them as they happen with our five interns in the news department. Keep an eye out for Nora Panahi, Colin Froment, Kyle Jacobs, and Kate Kesselmen, along with returning intern, Ryan Keaveney. Recreational marijuana facilities will be opening across the city this spring, and we will provide updates as they occur. More and more candidates are also making it known that they want to help maintain and navigate Newton to greatness. We will keep a close eye on who’s running in the 2019 Municipal Election. Of course, if you have a story idea, please send it our way. I’m always looking for interns/volunteers throughout the year too.
**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

Most NewTV programs are produced by member volunteers. Members’ programs are on the **Community Channel (C)**. Shows produced by local schools & colleges are shown on the **Education Channel (E)**. Newton City programs are on the **Government Channel (G)**. Additional programs are produced by NewTV Staff.

Please visit our website at newtv.org for a complete schedule with airtimes.

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<td><strong>Cognitum</strong>&lt;br&gt;Interviews with scientists and technologists regarding the state and future of their fields. (Mariya Gershteyn) Wed, 7:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Newton Nomadic Theater Story Slam</strong>&lt;br&gt;Open mic community storytelling. (Jerry Reilly) Sat, 10:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>On the Sunny Side of the Street</strong>&lt;br&gt;Monthly show on life concerns. (Tod Gross) Tues, 6:30pm</td>
<td><strong>That’s the Law! With Attorney B. J. Krintzman</strong>&lt;br&gt;Monthly, live discussion on legal issues. (B. J. Krintzman) Tues, 7:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Poetic Lines</strong>&lt;br&gt;An in-depth discussion with local poets. (Elizabeth Lundy) Tues, 9:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Trialblazers</strong>&lt;br&gt;Series discussing the walkability and transportation challenges Newton residents face. (Lois Levin) Thurs, 8:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Setting Our Course in Newton</strong>&lt;br&gt;Public forums covering best strategies for the future of Newton. (Christopher Pitts) Sun, 10pm</td>
<td><strong>Virginia’s Views and Vibes</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bi-weekly series on local and state affairs. (Ginny Gardner/Rebecca Johnson) Mon, 7:30pm</td>
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Education topics with Margie Ross Decter
M-F, 5:30pm and S/S, 7:30pm

Scientifically Speaking
Daily variety of science programming.
M-F, 2:00pm

Student Productions
A variety of productions and short films made by Newton students and interns.
M/W/F, 7:30pm and T/Th, 10:30pm

TeenTV
Teen news program produced by Home, Inc. in Cambridge. M-F, 4:00pm

Tiger Vision
Monthly magazine show produced by NNTV students. M-F, 6:30pm

ZooTube TV
Program about the animals at the Staten Island Zoo. M-F, 10:30am

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL
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Beyond the Badge
Hosted by Middlesex Sheriff
Peter J. Koutoujian, Daily, 3:00pm

City Council Meetings
Sun/T/Th, 7:30pm; M/W/Sat, 8:00am

Events at the Newton Free Library
Series of lectures by experts on diverse topics. Daily, 1:00pm

Historic Newton Presents
Lectures and tours devoted to the history of Newton. Daily, 4:00pm

The Newton Free Library Presents Books and Beyond
Monthly interviews with local authors, artists and performers. Daily, 7:30am & 5:00pm

School Committee Meetings
W/Sat, 7:30pm & T/Th/Sun, 8:00am

Senior Scene
Covering relevant topics for Massachusetts seniors. Daily, 5:30pm

MEMBERSHIP
It’s easy to become a NewTV member. Any Newton resident, non-profit organization or business can join NewTV for a small annual membership fee. Once you’ve signed up, you are eligible to take any classes or workshops offered by NewTV, use any of NewTV’s equipment and book the conference room or studio, all free of charge with your membership. For more information, visit newtv.org/membership.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
NewTV offers partnership opportunities to businesses and non-profit organizations alike, in the form of program sponsor, event sponsor, newsletter sponsor and web-related sponsorship. As a state-of-the-art media center in the Greater Boston region, NewTV can provide your business with maximum exposure for a minimal cost. By becoming a Community Partner you will increase your company’s visibility through our cable channels, active website, widely-read newsletter and other event materials distributed regularly to our viewers and members.

Your partnership with NewTV will help to support our successful Lipof internship program, a newly created scholarship fund for aspiring college-bound students and new informational and educational programs for our ever-growing viewership. Our menu includes three-year commitments for each of the levels of sponsorship. NewTV will also entertain in-kind service partnerships if it benefits both parties. For more information, visit newtv.org/community-partners.

INTERNSHIPS
NewTV offers interns unique opportunities that aren’t available elsewhere. Instead of answering phones and working at an assignment desk, you could cover a community event for Newton News, edit a documentary for the Government Channel, work on your own project with the Education Channel or even design marketing and promotional materials for the station. At NewTV, you get the hands-on experience that you won’t get anywhere else. For more information, visit newtv.org/internships.

CLASSES
NewTV features over 20 classes each quarter and also hosts several additional workshops throughout the year focusing on a range of topics. To use NewTV’s equipment, you must be a Newton resident, a member in good standing and have attended our monthly Orientation session. You can then choose to take any class in all three of our production tracks: Studio Production, Field Production or Post Production (editing). You may also take any of our other computer-based or continuing education classes. For more information visit newtv.org/classes.
New Members
NewTV welcomes the following new members:

Susan Callaghan  Steven Khiralla  Daniel Pitts
Nikki Davis     Mitchell Lyons  Michael Procaccini
Bill Drake      Andrea Mautner  Marne Rizika
Alex Fabry      Kyah McCormick  Eileen Sandberg
Parris Farr     Seth Morrison  Suzie Spinks
Joseph Fuller   W. Keith Munsell  Garrow Throop
Sarah Hayden    Terri Noyes    Robert Thurston
Daniel Kaufman  Pauline Pitts  Samantha Thurston

Lisa Von Lichtenberg

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