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The Gold and Silver Circles

Established in 1993, the Gold and Silver Circle is an honor society within our chapter for members who have spent their careers in pursuit of our profession's highest and most noble goals. Gold Circle is for those with 50+ years and Silver Circle is for those with 25+ years at a television station, cable channel, or production house who have been reliable, valued, contributors and mentors.

Gold Circle Inductee

Bob Lobel

Silver Circle Inductees

Nancy Bent
Chuck Carter
Liz Cheng
Bob Ward
Pamela Watts

Gold Circle Inductee

Bob Lobel



Born in New York, Bob spent his high school years in the small town of Apple Creek, Ohio, where he was the captain of the Waynedale High School football team, thespian and orchestra member and member of the National Honor Society. Bob graduated Dean's List from Kent State University in 1966, moved to New England and began his career as a teacher and school administrator.

Bob's first on-air television role was as Sports Anchor at WVNY-TV in Burlington, Vermont in the early 70's while at nearly the same time Bob was the play by play announcer for UVM Hockey and served as the National Secretary for fundraising for his fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta. Bob held latter broadcasting roles at WJOY radio in Vermont and WGIR radio in New Hampshire.

In 1976 Bob joined WBZ Radio as an evening Sportscaster and Sports director and as play-by-play and color analyst for the Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins. In 1978 Bob moved down the hall to WBZ-TV4 where for the next thirty years he would become one of the most visible and beloved of all Boston television personalities, as Sports

Director and Anchor.

His accomplishments at WBZ-TV are too many to note, and his on-air catch-phrases are still known to sports fans across the market, including "Why Can't We Get Players Like that" and "Time To Push the Panic Button" are just two of the many. His banter with anchors Jack Williams and Liz Walker brought an endearing touch to WBZ's "Eyewitness News" which led to consistent ratings wins, critical acclaim and many industry awards, including two Emmys® and countless nominations.

Bob made appearances as himself in the hit comedy series "Cheers" and in the feature film "Fever Pitch" as well as hosting numerous national sporting events and even participating in many including running in the Boston Marathon in 1979 and carrying the Olympic flame.

Today Bob continues his sports commentary through podcasting and his work for scores of charitable causes goes on. Over the decades Bob's charitable efforts touched many lives but were perhaps best known to the public by his annual co-hosting of WBZ-TV and WBZ Radio's Children's Hospital Telethon and its popular promotional spots each year featuring Bob as Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer.

Among his long list of awards, Bob is an Inductee of both the New England Sports Museum Hall of Fame and The Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Guest Presenter: Peter Brown

Silver Circle Inductee

Nancy Bent



For the past 40 years, Nancy Bent has been a key member of WCVB Channel 5's team on the Assignment Desk, the heartbeat of any news operation. She is a driving force and steady presence behind the scenes of much of NewCenter 5's coverage. A three-time Emmy® award winning assignment editor, journalist, and communications professional, Nancy is the longest serving female assignment editor in the Boston market. Her extensive experience in news includes planning, breaking news, special events and project management.

Nancy's impact on WCVB has been instrumental to the station's success, and the depth and breadth of her experience in the news business is unparalleled. She has covered every major story that has occurred over the last 40 years in New England, an unwavering fixture at the station for four out of WCVB's five decades on air leading the Boston market.

Her career with WCVB began in January of 1983 when WCVB acquired its first satellite truck. She was one of three field producers who worked out of the truck serving as a satellite coordinator with ABC, Conus

Communications, CNN, and WCVB's fellow Hearst affiliate stations. In this role, Nancy provided logistics and support in major coverage of President George Bush in Kennebunkport, President Clinton on Martha's Vineyard, election debates including Mitt Romney and Senator Ted Kennedy, among other high-profile news stories.

Nancy also served as Planning Editor, overseeing and implementing logistics and special events, such as freedom fighter Nelson Mandela's visit to Boston soon after he was released from prison, Mother Teresa's visit to Massachusetts, and Barbara Bush and Raisa Gorbachev's visit to Wellesley College.

In her present role as night Assignment Editor, Nancy leads the entire team with sharp news judgment and a commanding presence. Her expert leadership has helped guide the newsroom during major stories including Boston Marathon bombings, the Merrimack Valley gas explosions, the Taunton mall massacre, the death of Cardinal Law, and so many others.

A powerhouse journalist, a meticulous manager, a dedicated mentor, and a friend to all, Nancy's contribution to the community has truly made a difference in people's lives.

Guest Presenter: Maria Stephanos

Silver Circle Inductee

Chuck Carter



Chuck Carter is a product of Spanish Harlem, an environment that certainly was not conducive for success during his early years. Drugs were rampant. Gangs terrorized the streets. Violent crime boiled over. Survival for most young kids was found in an orange ball. Chuck was no different. Basketball would be the ticket to escape it all.

High school really shaped the inevitable. Basketball became a way out of the hood and a way into college. After a stint in junior college, Chuck entered a six-month program at the Television Studio School in New York. Later, Le Moyne College in Syracuse New York, a prestigious Jesuit institution where he earned his bachelor's degree. Dreams of a pro basketball career were deflated. It was time for a reality check. A career focus.

Television quickly zoomed back into his future. It turned out to be a picture-perfect love affair matched with Chuck's strong desire to excel. That desire started here in Boston with a temporary position as an Associate Director with WBZ. Could it possibly be the start of a career

as a reporter? Well, let's just say once Chuck produced his first audition tape the answer was crystal clear. Heck no!

The right career choice was news producer. The first stop, Cadillac, a small town in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. It was cold. Very cold. But hot job prospects were staking up high like the relentless snow totals in Michigan. Chuck folded his mattress several times, stuffed it in the back seat of his beat-up Ford and hit the road on a long producing journey to several cities.

Soon, Chuck's producing journey took a left turn with an open road to management opportunities, Executive Producer, Assistant News Director, and News Director

Chuck now calls Connecticut his work home, not far from Spanish Harlem. He's thankful for the long journey that led to a career conducive for success.

Guest Presenter: Nicole Warren

Silver Circle Inductee

Liz Cheng



Liz Cheng is General Manager of GBH's six Boston channels and the 24/7 national news and documentary channel, WORLD, which features four series she co-created: America ReFramed, Local, USA, Doc World, and Stories from the Stage – the TV Series and podcast. WORLD is seen on local PBS digital channels in markets representing nearly 75% of US TV HH. She also is an advisor to New England Public Media in Springfield, MA.

WORLD Channel documentaries and original content have received a National News & Documentary Emmy®; a Peabody; an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award; People's Voice and Juried Webby awards; an RTNDA Kaleidoscope Award; five Cine Golden Eagles; an Asian American Journalists Association Award; two Media for a Just Society honors; The Association of LGBTQ Journalists Award; two Gracies for women-centered content; six National Native Media Awards; numerous Tellys; two Christopher honors; as well as nine National News & Documentary Emmy® nominations and three International Documentary Association nominations. Two WORLD films were also short-listed for the

2019 Academy Awards.

Before joining GBH in 2011, Liz served as Vice President at Hearst Television and Director of Programming and Communications at WCVB-TV Channel 5. She co-created many national programs, including 10 years of Pops Goes the Fourth! and Holiday Pops with the Boston Pops for simulcast on the A&E Network as well as documentaries and specials for the History Channel. She was the executive in charge of production for local series, including "Good Day!", New England Sunday, Miller's Court, A Likely Story and the daily newsmagazine, Chronicle. Her productions at WCVB were honored with many NAB, NAPTE and New England Emmy® awards as well as WCVB's only National Primetime Emmy® Nomination.

Liz is President of the Board of Trustees for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for The Partnership, a national non-profit that supports executives of color. She is on the board for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and serves as an ambassador for the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. She has been honored with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Pinnacle Award, the National Race Amity Medal of Honor and the Neil Chin Community Service Award from the Asian Community Development Corporation. The Boston Business Journal, Get Konneted!, and other organizations have also honored Liz. Liz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in English Language and Literature/Letters from Brown University.

Guest Presenters: Paul LaCamera, Bill Fine, Jon Abbott

Silver Circle Inductee

Bob Ward



Bob Ward is an award-winning TV News Reporter in Boston, Massachusetts. A native New Englander, Bob has been covering the region's biggest stories since 1983 for television stations across New England.

In 1999, Bob launched the New England's Unsolved franchise. Over 23 years, the New England's Unsolved franchise has broken important new stories in many high-profile cases including the disappearance of Massachusetts teenager Molly Bish, the recovery of Chelmsford's Judy Chartier from the Concord River after 40 years, and the still unresolved murder of Bob's own friend, Theresa Corley of Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Bob's work on New England's Unsolved has earned him many industry awards including Boston/New England Emmys® and recognition from the Associated Press.

In 2017, New England's Unsolved launched a podcast which, in 2018, won an Edward R Murrow Award for Excellence in Innovation.

In 2011, Bob received the Massachusetts State Police Superintendent's Commendation Award. It was the first time the Massachusetts State Police ever honored a member of the news media.

In 2009, Bob received the FBI Director's Community Leadership Award, after several New England's Unsolved stories resulted in the capture of dangerous criminals.

Bob graduated Boston's Emerson College in 1983.

Bob began his news career at WMUR-TV in Manchester, NH where he was hired as the station's first assignment editor. In time, Bob found his passion in news reporting, covering such notable stories as the Christa McAuliffe tragedy and two Presidential primaries.

In 1988, Bob moved to WJAR-TV in Providence, RI where he covered such major stories as the New Bedford Highway Killings investigation and Providence Mayor Buddy Cianci's return.

In 1996, Bob fulfilled a career long goal to work in Boston when Fox Television established its own news operation at WFXT-TV. Over the past quarter century, Bob has covered nearly every major Boston story including, Whitey Bulger, Aaron Hernandez, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, and the 2004 Boston Red Sox.

Bob is a frequent guest on many national podcasts, documentaries, and TV programs.

Bob lives in his hometown of Franklin, Massachusetts, where he and his wife, Gayle, raised their two children, Robert and Jessica.

Guest Presenter: Sarah Burgess

Silver Circle Inductee

Pamela Watts



Pamela Watts is a veteran journalist and beloved television icon in Rhode Island, the proverbial “local kid who did good”. She grew up in Warwick, graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and has served the public on our local airwaves in some capacity for her entire career.

Pamela started in journalism at URI's radio station, and began her professional journalism career at age 19 on WPRO Radio. She first appeared on television in 1983 as an anchor and reporter for Local Cable News, owned by the Providence Journal.

Broadcast television soon called and Pamela was hired by WLNE-TV in Providence as a reporter and news anchor. Her tenure at Channel 6 included launching the morning and 5pm newscasts. Eventually Pamela anchored the station's evening news programs. It was during this time that Pamela was twice awarded the Emmy® for best anchor in all of New England. She also received Emmy® nods for coverage of breaking news and sports event.

Other awards include first place honors for reporting from The Associated Press, National Federation of Press Women, and the Massachusetts Medical Society. In addition, Pamela received the Rhode Island Commission on Women's Hope Award for leadership and URI's Distinguished Achievement Award.

After Channel 6 she was morning anchor and reporter for WPRI-TV 12 in Providence. It was Pamela who had the daunting duty to tell viewers in February 2003 that The Station nightclub fire had killed so many local friends and loved ones. Her calm and thoughtfulness helped a devastated community get through a horrific time.

Pamela also helped launch Rhode Island's first National Public Radio (NPR) station, the last state in the nation to have its own affiliate—anchoring and reporting for the news program, One Union Station.

Throughout her entire career in journalism, Pamela has also worked to support local charities and nonprofit organizations. Her efforts in philanthropy have helped raise millions for many worthwhile causes.

Today Pamela is co-anchor and correspondent for “Rhode Island PBS Weekly,” on WSBE-TV, a local magazine broadcast in the style of 60 Minutes. Her long-form storytelling for has been honored with more Emmy® nominations.

Guest Presenter: Barbara Dury

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Liz Cheng

General Manager of Television at GBH and WORLD

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Her passion and devotion to shining a light on diverse storytellers from around the world gives our audiences the opportunity to see beyond their own lived experiences, fostering growth and understanding.



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Congratulations, Pamela Watts

Your Silver Circle Award
recognizes your impressive career
as a dedicated journalist,
masterful storyteller, and
exemplary community advocate.

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