

# The Roundtable

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## **GIRL Talk**

“Women in leadership lend more credibility to an organization.”  
Samantha Lott Hale, who is the Program Manager and the Regional Office Supervisor at Girl Scouts of Maine’s Bangor Service Center, focused us on the leadership role of Girl Scouts. Ms. Hale, introduced by **Caroline King**, gave us a “did you know that?” quiz by listing recent projects by Girl Scouts in the Bangor area. These included getting coats for people needing winter clothing, volunteering at the Bangor Humane Society, and improving a hiking trail.

Why does membership in Girl Scouts work? The “law” from the Girl Scouts website contributes an answer:

***I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.***



Ms. Hale gave statistics about Girl Scout members compared to non-Girl Scouts “Girl Scouts prepares girls for a lifetime of leadership.” She continued: “The Girl Scouts Gold Award (won by two Bangor members last year) is more challenging than the (Boy Scouts) Eagle Award. The Girl Scouts develop courage, confidence and character.

The “girl” in Girl Scouts is more than gender identification. The acronym stands for Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk Taker and Leader. The age range for scouts is 5-18.

Ms. Hale encourages businesses to get involved with the Girl Scouts, especially if they have skill training that they can share.

**David Zelz** asked about the current movement to have girls join the Boy Scouts. Ms. Hale noted that girls perform better and feel more comfortable in a gender-specific environment. They are not competing with boys. **Lisa Wahlstrom** asked if the Girl Scouts are addressing anxiety issues that emerge in teenagers. Ms. Hale said the chapter

has ongoing discussions, both with each other and with girls who feel comfortable talking with leaders about their concerns.

Oh, about those famous cookies. This is the month for Girl Scout cookie sales. “Seven hundred cases of cookies were delivered to our Bangor office yesterday,” Ms. Hale said. She indicated that there is a “Cookie Locator” on their website if no scout comes knocking at your door.

### The Clean Plate Club Gathers

**President Doug Townsend** chose **Jeff Plourde** to lead the invocation and **Caroline King** to start the Pledge. **Lisa Wahlstrom** reminded us in few words about the business card ads for the *All That Jazz* program booklet. **Ken Huhn** announced a correction to the Waterville membership committee meeting. He traveled to Waterville last Saturday only to discover that the gathering is scheduled for THIS Saturday.

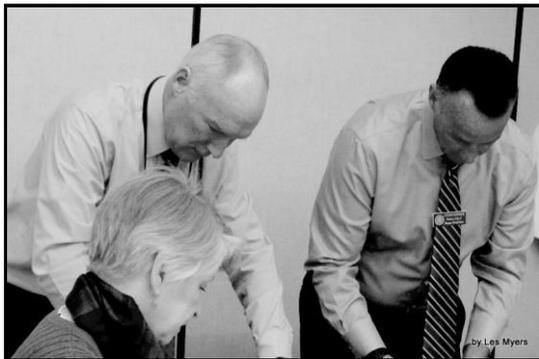
Caroline announced the heroes’ breakfast sponsored by the Bangor Chapter of the American Red Cross scheduled for March 21 (which is also, for those interested, J. S. Bach’s birthday). The breakfast benefits the Red Cross and its disaster relief program in northern Maine.

JUDYFEST is on. “Because I am reaching a certain ‘plateau,’ JudyFest will go on for six weeks,” said the gracefully aging **Judy Horan**. Judy promoted a Channel 2 program airing tonight at 7 called “Listen to Me.” The station gathered some students to talk about safety in the schools. The program is available on the station’s Facebook page and its website. “The trolls are already posting hate speech about it,” she said.

Lisa took a walk around her neighborhood this week and noticed that as March rolls in, many of her neighbors still have Christmas wreathes and garlands up. ‘Tis still the season to be jolly, tra la la la la...

*Les Myers- March 1, 2018*

### The Faces of the Morning



Prayers for the sign-in table

