

The Roundtable

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Mentoring Equation

E ducation+Strengths+Passions
What you put into it = Success

In addition to the “Success” equation, Christina McAnuff, Executive Director of the Olympia Snowe Women’s Leadership Institute, described three V’s: Values, Voice and Vision in her talk about mentoring girls of high school age, “Olympia’s Leaders.”

Ms. McAnuff described a program begun in 2015 that provides two mentors for every five girls in the 10th grade (where they focus on “My Values”), 11th grade (“My Voice”) and 12th grade (“My Vision”).



Girls are matched with mentors who come from the business, professional and education fields. “Thirteen percent of girls in the institute are more likely to take on leadership roles while in high school,” Ms. McAnuff said. She cited percentage increases in first-year outcomes of girls who said “I consider myself a leader,” “I am a confident person,” “I incorporate others’ ideas into proposed solutions,” and they “would approach someone you have not met before and request help or support.”

Mentor commitment is for three years. In the 2017/18 academic year, the Institute will facilitate 6,000 hours of connections between Olympia’s Leaders and their trained advisors. In the current school year, 334 students are in the program. By 2019/20, the program expects to grow to 540 students statewide.

“These girls now have a network that took us years to develop,” Ms. McAnuff said.

Senator Olympia Snowe said at a Program Day last November, “I want every Maine girl to know that she can be whatever she wants to be; that she has the

values, strength and skills to get there; and that there are many women across the state eager for girls to reach their full potential – and willing to help.”

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The Et Cetera department

A gray day with smatterings of snow colored the (spring?) weather. **President Kristy Kimball** warmed to her announcements that included the upcoming Bangor Noon Rotary Club’s **Music off Broadway**. In addition to the show’s performances (Saturday April 22, 2&7 pm, Sunday, April 23, 2 pm all at Peakes Auditorium), fundraising is a little behind. Kristy invited anyone who would like to join the sponsor list to contact her. Non-profits benefiting from the proceeds include the Challenger Learning Center of Maine, Shaw House, United Farmer Veterans of Maine, Eastern Area on Aging, Camp Capella and the Hilltop School.

Doug Townsend issued an invitation of interest, in the form of a sign-up sheet, in a tour, conversation and socializing at the Good Shepherd Food Bank in Hamden on a date early in June, to be determined. Organizers need about 15-20 people to make the venture worthwhile. The three Bangor-area Rotary Clubs are invited.

Tux time! **Erich Herbert’s** son surprised him by inviting a girl to the prom and arranged to get a tuxedo for the event. That was Erich’s Happy \$. His Sad \$ was news that his father died on Sunday. He said that he ate his Easter dinner, then took a nap and died in his sleep.

Lucie Estabrook said that her mother is now in a home where she is comfortable and happy. **Ken Nagle** announced a project that Ellsworth and Mt. Desert Rotary Clubs are starting in which motorized wheelchairs will be purchased for persons in third-world countries. He emphasized the emotions that arise when a person with missing limbs can gain mobility. The wheelchairs have large tires to negotiate rough terrain. He said three more members are needed for the project. “Giving the gift of mobility is life-changing,” he said.

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Dick Cattelle mentors Christina McAnuff



Ms. McAnuff was probably not praying