

The Roundtable

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Camping with the Boy Scouts And Much More

Glenn Mower took us camping. And climbing. And back country trips in northern Maine's three million acres, and canoeing, and mentoring. All – and more – in Thursday's meeting during which he described the work of the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Mower, a registered adult leader for 41 years and a member of the Council's Board of Directors, took us through the scope of the Council. The word "Charities" was added to its name in 2018.

Its history includes the Pamola Lodge, the first building on the site in 1929 and the largest freestanding lodge in the US, and a more recent addition, the Peter Vigue Scout Center, built in 1995.

From its website: The Katahdin Area Council, Boy Scouts of America serves the youth in the counties of Aroostook, Hancock, Penobscot Valley, Piscataquis, Waldo and Washington Maine. The Katahdin Area Council provides an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. The program is implemented by community organizations, which are chartered by the National Scout Council. These groups use the Scouting program as a part of their own youth work.

The community organizations, which have goals compatible with those of the BSA, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, and labor organizations; governmental bodies; corporations; professional associations; and citizens' groups.

The Council operates two camps: Camp Roosevelt, located on the Katahdin Scout Reserve, in Eddington, and Maine High Adventure Base at Grand Lake Matagamon, situated in the Northern Maine Woods.

Mr. Mower spoke proudly of his two sons who are Eagle Scouts.

Disclosure: your editor was a Cub Scout, but did not go into the Boy Scouts.

***Today's speaker, Glenn Mower, spoke about KCI Charities, Inc. To clarify its role in the Katahdin Area Council, this is the asset holding organization that holds the assets used by Council, which is the actual Boy Scout council. Thanks to Jeff Flourde for the information.

The breakfast campfire was still healthy when...

...**president June Kontio** rang the bell. **Jeff Plourde** said auction results continue to be forthcoming. Some credit card tidy-ups are delaying final figures. He also mentioned the Brewer Kiwanis Make-a-Wish “Wishing Under the Stars” dinner scheduled for January 26 at Spectacular Events, 5-11 pm.

The District Governor’s suggestion during his visit to our club that Interact members be invited to the district conference in Quebec. That will happen in May. **John Quinn**, director of Interact at the Bangor Y, said the club is focused on a “Letters of Love” project in which they will write letters to refugee children.

Sonority resounded in the birthday song for **Lucie Estabrook** and **Lisa Larson**. **Pudge Harrison** said he does not like Cowboy fans and, unrelated, he enjoyed having his grandson home. **Tom Violette** had high praise for the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce annual business breakfast and speaker Sean Dewitt. Mr. Dewitt is currently a Director at the World Resources Institute.

It’s Bangor Symphony Orchestra Soiree time. **Lisa Wahlstrom** has a limited number of raffle tickets @\$50. You can win a trip to San Francisco, Scottsdale, or Hilton Head. Or all three. However, there are probably rules about that. The raffle happens in March.

Lisa Larson will report to a new boss. The current president of the community college system, Derek Langhauser, will serve as Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor. President Langhauser has served Maine’s community colleges for the past 24 years, the last four as President. The System’s Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, David J. Daigler, who has been with M CCS for over 19 years, will succeed Mr. Langhauser and serve as President for an initial two-year term.

Paul Miragliuolo did not talk about his Florida-based tan, but did express the shock of leaving 90 degrees and returning to mid-20s. Stay tuned for the weekend.

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