

The Roundtable

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Compelling Reasons for Camp Capella

Harvey Chesley and Mike Noyes reprised their visit to the club today as they updated us on fundraising and program plans. Mr. Chesley is facilities director and Mr. Noyes is a member of Camp Capella's board.

The camp, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, moved to Phillips Lake in 1960. The lakefront summer camp at Phillips Lake provides diverse recreational and educational opportunities for children and adults with disabilities. Mr. Chesley said that Camp CaPella is for all campers regardless of ability, to be given an opportunity to enjoy a summer program. It is also a retreat offered to administration, staff, and clients of other agencies and programs in the community that serve the needs of children and adults with disabilities.

Mr. Chesley described the building project that will expand the camp's facilities and afford nearly year round activities. Currently, the camp is open June through August; the new building will allow seasonal expansion into September and October. The new building will serve primarily as a bunkhouse.

"Our building project had to be delayed a year. It's taking longer to get the required permits and to get permission to cross private land," he said. The camp served 181 kids last summer, and they do this on an annual budget of \$300,000. A major donor, Doris Buffett, is financially helping the camp speed toward its completion of the new building, expected to be ready by next summer. Another donor gave his sailboat to the camp, adding sailing to the activity list. Mr. Chesley emphasized the need for volunteers to help with sailing.

Mike Noyes, the board member, expressed his appreciation for such a camp. An accident some years ago left him paralyzed from his waist down; he knows first-hand how a disability can affect your life.

"Campers have disabilities, but we focus on what they can do. The most popular activities is fishing!" said Mr. Chesley. He extended invitations to visit, become a volunteer and for financial support. "The life of a non-profit is challenging," he said.

A chill in the Air

We chilled out after entering Rangeley Hall from 15-18 degree outside air. **Tom Dorrity**, whose high-energy skills brought the Veterans Day Breakfast to fruition and success, reported that we served 156 free breakfasts, 345 persons were served, and the Coats for Kids bank account is \$4,300 richer.

Ned Jennings sent word that he has six grills in storage that we used during the early days of the Veterans Day breakfast. The club needs to decide whether to give them to some other organization that does similar events or auction them.

Speaking of auction, **Lisa Wahlstrom** told of the special item- a trip to Africa – that will be included in the bounty that will be offered at the auction. She said proxy voting is permitted, and the committee seeks more donations for bidding, such as gift cards to various stores and services, hotels, etc. Be sure to check with Lisa or **Tom Violette** before soliciting to avoid duplications.

Speaking of auctions, again, **President Ken Nagle** sold some warm Rotary caps.

Lisa and **Les** led the assembled revelers in the birthday ode for **Greg Jamison**, **Caroline King**, and Lisa herself. Lisa reported that her mother is 90 years old today. Jeff Wahlstrom has some work displayed in the Rock and Art Shop in Bangor.

Three of our guests were Interact members, all who attend John Bapst High School. **David Zelz** leapt on that news to say that he and his family visited Salem, Massachusetts and encountered a group of John Bapst-ers on a field trip.

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The Rotary caps
(Model- Caroline King)